

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2005 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Following an induction ceremony and reception, Chairman Young determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Joan Donnelly, Assistant Administrator

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Singer seconded.
- b. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(E) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Honorable LaWana McKenzie for Her Service as Vice-Chairman of County Council in 2004.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion for the approval. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote with Councilwoman McKenzie abstaining.

2. Proposed Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Mr. Rick Osbon for His Service to Aiken County as Councilmember from District 7 from January 1, 1997 Through December 31, 2004.
(County Council)

- a. Action on this Resolution was deferred until a later date when Mr. Osbon could attend.

(F) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone 57 Tax Parcels Bounded by US 1, Bradley Mill Road (S-2-1716) and Wire Road (S-2-49) in Council District 6 from UD to RC.
(Barton) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Singer made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Ordinance to Move Section 24-126. Drainage and Storm Sewers in the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Chapter 19. Public Works.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Smith moved for the adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.

- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Regulate Drug Paraphernalia and Counterfeit Drugs, and to Determine Penalties for the Violations of Said Regulations.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Butler made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

4. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the FY 2005 County Operating Budget to Provide Funding for the Purchase of Equipment and to Allocate Additional Funding Received by the Registration/Elections Commission and to Allocate a Portion of the Fund Balance in the Parks Fund.
(County Council) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Barton moved for the adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(G) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, and 6.
(Rawls, Singer, Barton)

2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2005 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Accept Easements on Andrews Circle (C-493) and Perron Garvin Road (C-790) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.
(Development Committee)
4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of 2.057 Acres of Land for the Belvedere Drop Off Site and to Accept the Deed for the Property.
(Development Committee)
5. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 2-472. Safety Committee of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Alter the Makeup of the Employee Safety Committee.
(Administrative Committee) (Second Reading)
6. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Increase the Process and Penalties for Second and Subsequent Violations of the Aiken County Nuisance Ordinance.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee) (Second Reading)
7. Proposed Ordinance to Issue Palmetto Ambulance Service a Renewal Franchise to Operate a Private Ambulance Service in Aiken County for a Three Year Period Ending February 1, 2008.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee) (Second Reading)
- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(H) NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution Electing a Vice-Chairperson of the Aiken County Council for 2005.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilman Butler's name was offered for the Vice-Chairman position. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to approve his appointment. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. The nomination of Councilman Butler passed by unanimous vote with Councilman Butler abstaining.
2. Proposed Resolution Appointing Standing Committees of County Council for Calendar Year 2005.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Barton, and Councilman Hightower requested to be appointed to the Development Committee.
 - b. Councilman Singer, Councilman Butler and Councilman Bunker requested to be appointed to the Administrative Committee.
 - c. Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, and Councilman Barton requested to be appointed to the Judicial and Public Safety Committee.

- d. Councilman Hightower made a motion to approve the appointments to the Committees as requested. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - e. The appointments to the Committees passed by unanimous vote.
- 3. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District At-Large.
(Young)
 - a. **DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- 4. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 3.
(McKenzie)
 - a. **DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- 5. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 4.
(Smith)
 - a. **DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- 6. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 7.
(Bunker)
 - a. **DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- 7. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 8.
(Hightower)
 - a. **DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

(I) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

- 1. Fiscal Year 2005 Aiken County Contingency Report as of December 22, 2004.

(J) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Mr. Larry Murphy addressed Council about ComCast change of programming of MSNBC to digital so that customers have to pay more.

Councilman Smith commented that Council encouraged competition.
- b. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- c. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:22 P. M.

RECONVENED – 8:20 P. M.

(K) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
2. Contractual Matters:
3. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Following Executive Session Councilman Butler made a Voice Motion to approve grade changes recommended by Dr. Archer for the Clerk of Courts office with no upgrades, no reclassifications, and no new positions. Councilman Smith seconded.
 - b. The Voice Motion passed by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer absent.
 - c. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
 - d. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer absent.

(L) ADJOURNMENT – 8:22 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman